

**FUNDING FOR NEW JUDGES AND SUPPORT STAFF  
Montana Supreme Court  
January 2011**

- The 2009 Legislature, by a large majority, approved creation of three new judgeships in the following judicial districts:
  - First Judicial District – Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties
  - Eleventh Judicial District – Flathead County
  - Thirteenth Judicial District – Yellowstone County
- The new judges were elected in November 2010 and take office January 3, 2011.
- The Legislature also approved seven positions to support the judges, which were allocated as follows:
  - First Judicial District: one judicial assistant, one court reporter, and one law clerk
  - Eleventh Judicial District: one judicial assistant and one law clerk
  - Thirteenth Judicial District: one judicial assistant and one law clerk
- Because the judges took office in January 2011, the Judicial Branch's budget contains funding for the last 6 months (January 1 – June 30, 2011) of fiscal year 2011.
  - This amount must be increased to cover 2 full years.
- The additional funding needed to cover salary and benefits for the new judges and staff and operating expenses for the 2013 biennium (fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013) is \$991,811.